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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449 and the copies of those documents presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/841,323 filed April 24, 2001, by Michael J. Faulks et al. for "SYSTEM FOR DISPENSING PLURALITY OF WET WIPES."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/223,999 filed December 31, 1998, by Y. Chang et al. for "ION-SENSITIVE, HARD-WATER DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS AND APPLICATIONS THEREFOR."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/538,711 filed March 30, 2000, by F. Buck et al. for "WET WIPE CONTAINER WITH FLEXIBLE ORIFICE."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/565,623 filed May 4, 2000, by Y. Chang et al. for "ION-SENSITIVE, HARD-WATER DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS AND APPLICATIONS THEREFOR."
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/564,449 filed May 4, 2000, by P. Mumick et al for "ION-SENSITIVE, HARD-WATER DISPERSIBLE POLYMERS, A METHOD OF MAKING SAME AND ITEMS USING SAME."

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/870,785 filed May 31, 2001, by Y. Huang for "FLEXIBLE ORIFICE FOR WET WIPES DISPENSER."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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Please charge any prosecutional fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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